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-- REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF ECON DIRECTORATE: RECENT

-- DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USSR AND EAST EUROPE

REF: NATO DOCUMENT ED/EC/75/30

1. YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING DURING DISCUSSION
OF THE REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE

ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USSR AND EAST EUROPE.

2. THE PAPER IS WELL DONE.

3. WE WOULD ASK THE VIEW OF THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE AND
THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NAC ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE
USSR HAS ACTUALLY EXPLOITED ITS ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE AT THE
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EXPENSE OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT. THE

FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE STUDY PROPERLY RAISES THE POTENTIAL LEVERAGE NOW ENJOYED BY THE USSR; THE LAST PARAGRAPH (NO. 23) NOTES THAT THE USSR HAS AVOIDED THE FULL EXERCISE OF THIS LEVERAGE. IN FACT, AS THE STUDY NOTES, THE USSR HAS EXTENDED CREDITS TO ASSIST PARTNERS TO FINANCE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICITS.

4. FOLLOWING UP ON THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF THE REPORT, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE DIRECTORATE AND THE PERMREPS EXCHANGE VIEWS ON POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC QUID PRO QUOS EXTRACTED FROM EAST EUROPE IN COMPENSATION FOR APPARENT ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS BY THE USSR. EXAMPLES MIGHT INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORENBURG PIPELINE AND/OR RECENTLY AGREED CEMA COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WHICH TOTAL SOME 13 BILLION DOLLARS IN VALUE.

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